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DAMMON SCHOOL GIVES PROGRAM

Students Work Out and Present
Historical Pageant.

Everybody that attended Assembly on Thursday went away convinced that for a real patriotic, and original demonstrative program, the Dammon school stands in the front ranks. They went "over the top" with an unusually good lively program and every number was a surprise and very good. Mrs. Dodge, head of the rural department, who gave a preliminary talk on what the program stood for said that this exhibition represented the actual war work that is being done everywhere in the schools under the Junior Red Cross. The program was the culmination of the labor of the children and cost little extra labor to give to us because the work stood for itself. Miss Dunn, supervisor of the Dammon school gave an account of how they carried this work on in the school room and an explanation of how they selected the material for the program. The Rural Student Teachers took the responsibility of presenting the program to us and should be commended for their aptness, as they are all novices at this work. The Red Cross work done by school children represented real labor and fills a great need for our country. The invalid cushions, bed socks, gun wipers, joke books and war posters were worthy of any Red Cross shop in America or France. Little did we think when the program started that we would be taken back over the span of centuries and see our Puritan ancestors fighting for democracy and the brave George Washington consulting with the nimble fingered Betsy Ross over the making of our great flag of red, white and blue. Or be taken back to our History books when we read of the war of 1912, it didn't tell us much about the siege of Baltimore but Thursday Francis Scott Key came before us and told us how he was taken prisoner at Baltimore and watched all night and in the morning our "Star Spangled Banner" was seen still waving in the breeze and thus he conceived our National song. Then the sands of time were quickly turned to today, 1918, and showed us our Red Cross nurses taking first aid care of our soldiers on the battle field by quick, deft bandaging while the Hospital Corps converted a

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MESSAGE FROM U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

To the Presidents of the Colleges
and Normal Schools:

We are sending you a copy of a speech made by Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor of the Food Administration at the meeting of hotel men, when most of the large hotels pledged themselves to serve absolutely no wheat until the next harvest.

This speech is a powerful appeal and should be read by every college man and woman. Can you have it published, wholly or in part, in your college paper, or read at chapel or on other public occasions?

Colleges are beginning to follow the splendid example of the hotels. Will you not bring up the question before your students of abstaining from wheat for the rest of the college year? Doubtless many of them would be willing to help induce others to make the same sacrifice. Such an action would be a great service in meeting our present emergency.

United States Food Administration.

Speech by Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor of the U. S. Food Administration at a meeting of hotel men, New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. S., March 29, 1918:

"I wish very briefly to lay stress upon three points that every man in this room ought to realize and accept as war policies.

"We have got to reach the place, each one of us, where we define every decision in our lives as an act of war policy. Everything that we do, plan, eat, wear, must be analyzed and measured from one single point of view—will it contribute to the carrying on of the war, or will it contribute to its proclamation. There is no other thing in the world for us but to define everything in our lives as acts of military necessity or policy.

"The first necessity for us is to get a clear conception of the relation of wheat in the human diet and to divest ourselves of all preconceptions that a life of generations of ease, indolence and luxury has bred in us.

"We are accustomed to regard wheat as a more or less indispensable article of diet. It isn't. It is an article of luxury and absolutely nothing else. Wheat possesses over oats, corn and rice absolutely no nutritional quality for man or beast. It has no more protein and no better protein. It has no more fat and no different fat. It has no mineral salt better of in larger amounts. It has no more fuel or

better fuel. It is just one of the cereals, and there isn't the slightest evidence that it is the best one, because so far as comparative tests are concerned in animals, it isn't the best one, it is very far from the best one.

"Our predilection for wheat is solely a question of taste, comfort and convenience; it is absolutely nothing else. Wheat makes the nicest bread, the lightest bread, the bread that is transported best, the bread that keeps moist and sweet longest. It lends itself to the habits of ease and convenience of people. We want it sent to Europe and not kept here, and we ask and expect the American man and woman in judging of every situation as contrasted with that of our Allies, men and women, to ask who has wasted in resources the most, who has lost the most by sacrifice, who has suffered the most in death and destruction, we or our Allies? and when we have a choice to decide as to whether we or they should increase or decrease our burden, it ought to be not the duty, but the joyful privilege of every American to lessen the burden of every man, woman and child in the Allied countries of Europe, by accepting the heavier burden on this side. And because wheat is easier to prepare than oats and rice and barley—that is the very best reason in the world why we ought to accept the oats and the rice and barley and to give them the wheat that is necessary to maintain a normal ration.

"You gentlemen serve a great many faddists and cranks, and you will hear a great many expressions that your patrons cannot eat this or that, merely because they are accustomed to this or that other thing, or because they have had idiosyncrasies bred in them or developed by luxury. Now, when ever any one of your patrons tells you that he or she can't eat oats, or rice, or corn, but must have wheat, that individual is either a crank or a slacker and deserves from your hand only the consideration proper to the one or the other.

"We have all to decide whether we will serve the Allies, who need help the most, or whether we will serve ourselves who need it less. We had better begin serving the Allies now.

"The second point that I wish to emphasize, and this is based upon European experience in the art of rationing, is the enormous positive

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YAKIMA STUDENTS TEACHERS ACTIVE

Rural Conference Attended by President Black and Dean Baker.

"The year's at the spring,
The days at the morn,
Mornings' at seven."

Thus run the minds of our Yakima girls as they wend their way toward school, thru the blossoming orchards.

All the girls have taken over their full quota of work and are getting along fine.

The Rural conference was attended by President Black and Dean Baker from Ellensburg, Miss Jessie Stuart, Leta Mae Smith, Belle Dodge, Harriet Britton and Miss Pierson from our training centers.

Tuesday, April 23d, President Black and Mr. Wolff stopped at our training centers, on their way to the board meeting, which was held in Yakima.

Both of our supervisors are now Grangers, and with the Grangers stand.

Last Friday night Mabel Cornwall left for her home in Ellensburg where she spent Saturday and Sunday, with her parents. Agnes Browning also spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of J. C. Kaynor in Ellensburg. Eunice Weaver spent the week end in Walla at her home. She reports an enjoyable time. Francis Briskey spent the week end at her home in Naches. Virginia Nye was at her home in Sunnyside over Saturday and Sunday. Mary Yolo spent the week end at her home in Wapato.

This is offset by our kindly house mothers. Stopping with "Our Bachelor Girls," we find Mrs. DeVoe ever ready to do her share. Just "when a feller needs a friend," she appears with some apples or better still a warm cake at the home on the hill, Mrs. Snider does her bit towards keeping the girls comfortable and happy, and side by side with her comes Mrs. Cook, of our Broadway girls.

Friday night the girls at Broadway were entertained by the young people of the neighborhood at Mrs. Pinkerton. All report an enjoyable time.

Miss Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett, and Evangeline Ostling made up a fishing party Monday evening. They motored out some twenty-five miles, had a fine supper, fished and returned to find they had been fishing in an irrigation ditch. Broadway bunch did go afishin' For to catch some fishes, All the water they could find Ran in irrigation ditches.—H. B.

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After reading the earnest appeal made by Dr. Taylor to the eastern hotel men, we cannot help but feel that it applies to us right here at school as much as it did to those men, and we need to take it as seriously. As Dr. Taylor said, "we have to decide whether we will serve the allies, who need it more or whether we will serve ourselves, who need it less"—think of this a little oftener when for instance the menu doesn't quite suit you—follow the example of those who have this great war truly at heart—for we all have—and we don't want any one else to do the little we are able to do.

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Mr. Lechner an Editor.

Mr. H. J. Lechner, former agriculture instructor here, and at present county agricultural agent for Clatsop county, Oregon, is editing a small sheet called the Clat-

sop County Agricultural Council News, and has sent us a copy of this month's publication. This is a wide awake pamphlet and shows that Mr. Lechner is as active in his new position as he was here at school. We are glad to receive this issue and hope Mr. Lechner will remember us again.

EIGHTH GRADE GIVES SPECIAL PROGRAM

The program put on by the eighth grade, in the Normal Assmebly Thursday evening was unusually attractive. The play "The Burglar," prepared under the direction of Myrtle Ellis, showed up splendid talent and hard work. Mrs. Morton's Glee Club made a quite a hit with their patriotic songs. The program and the cast in the "Burglar" follows:

Piano Duet—Trula Martin, Lena Kleinberg.

Play, "The Burglar"—Mrs. John Burton the Hostess, Wanda Wolff; Mrs. Valerie Armsby, a widow, Peggy Felch; Mrs. Charles Dover, a bride, Harriet Jacobsen; Miss Freda Dixon, Loretta Chase; Miss Edith Brent, Pauline Miller.

Song.

Welcome Sweet Spring Time.

Bow Down to Uncle Sam, Eighth Grade Glee Club.

NEWS NOTES.

Mr. John W. Hays of Pasco visited his daughter Alice at Kamola hall on Tuesday.

Mildred Wray is confined to her home in Orting with a severe case of mumps.

Miss Helen Rice of Tacoma, a sister of Marian Rice, '17, visited with Miss McFarlane last week.

Miss Rankin and Miss Mott motored to Yakima Saturday.

Harriet Lucas and Anna Briskey spent the week end at Yakima.

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stretcher out of poles and coats. Even Liberty Bond campaigns were conducted before our own eyes and we were told to save Food and Help Win the War! The complete program is as follows:

Canoe Song, upper grade girl's quartet.

Pageant.

First Fight for Democracy, Puritans, George Washington and Betsey Ross making the Flag, first and second grades.

War of 1812.

Francis Scott Key.

Song by boys.

Recitation on Food Conservation.

President Wilson and Columbia.

Wigwag signals on Liberty Bonds.

Red Cross First Aid Work and

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SOCIETY.

Kooltuo Dance.

The dance held in the gymnasium Saturday evening was "materially a success" for the Kooltuo managers. A large crowd of town people and also the teams up for the high school track meet from Cle Elum and Roslyn, attended and every one reported a splendid time. Wiseman's orchestra furnished music for the evening.

Miss Smith left yesterday to visit high schools in the lower valley.

Grace Listman spent the week end in Yakima.

Hare and Hound Hike.

Miss Wilmarth and some of her early birds, went on another of their exciting hare and hound hikes, Saturday morning. The hares left at about 6 a. m. and marked out a labyrinth trail for the hounds to trace. They started from Craig's hill, went down by Tjossem's mill and cafe out by the upper bridge. The hounds started about a half hour later but only two of the bunch were able to follow up the trail.

Girls Hike to Menastash.

Sunday six girls plus a one horsed shay and a big lunch composed mostly of onions and weenies, headed for Menastash canyon. The plan was for three girls to inhabit said shay, for an indefinite period of time then to change places with the other three. The scheme worked fine and the girls were not as footsore as usual upon returning at night. The sides of the canyon are so steep and rocky that you may get a taste of real mountain climbing. The bunch consisted of Alma Flower, Kathryn Grabbe, Mildred Faulkner, Rosamond McCredy, Ellen Warren and Reita Faulkner.

Hannah Berg, Marge Collins, Amelia Slaudt, Gladys Baker and Jo Graney formed another bunch who also aspired to the high hills of Menastash Sunday morning. Being seasoned hikers, they sallied forth on shank's horses but after walking about ten miles were "pleased to accept" a ride in a passing Ford. Both groups returned in the early evening after a delightful day spent in the canyon.

Miss Rossman, head of the Music department, attended a Music Conference at Pullman last week. Miss Rossman reports an exceptionally good meeting and says that the "Pullmanites" are also very good entertainers.

Marie Flynn and Ruth Feigle spent Saturday in Cle Elum.

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example, the worth of the example, of the highest grade hotels and restaurant. The greatest diet difficulties in Germany today are due to the fact that the poor man realizes that the big hotels don't play the game. A rich man today in Germany can buy anything he has the price to pay for—hams at \$60 to \$70 apiece, butter at \$5 a pound. Any delicacy outside of the regulations can be bought by a man of wealth in Germany today, and this has honeycombed that nation with graft. And it started with the very best hotels—The Adlon, the Esplanade—and they are today responsible for the disorganization of the rationing systems in public eating places. Each manager or owner of the high grade hotel and eating house has a positive influence and example that cannot be measured, as judged by European experience.

"We have just sent over two of the best food experts of the United States to Europe, and what is the striking thing contained in their letters from London and Paris? The thing that struck them the most was the scarcity of food in the best hotels of those two cities.

"Thirdly and lastly, you have a very important field of negative example. It isn't possible to maintain a conservation program in the home, if the husband can leave and go to a hotel and escape it. It is thus impossible for a home program to be successful, so long as hotels, restaurants, public eating houses and clubs will give the spoiled man those things to eat which the housewife is trying to keep him from having.

"Now, this is not a theory, it is an absolute fact. We hear it from every state, we hear it from all classes, we hear it from women of larger means and from women of little means, that they, who are trying to play the game, who are conscientious, are frustrated in their efforts at conservation by the selfishness of men who will not play the game with them, because they know that they can find some public eating places in which the policy of conservation is violated. In this negative manner, by making it impossible for selfish men to break the rules which their wives are trying to follow, you can contribute enormously to the effectiveness of a food conservation program.

"Go to England today and compare it with England of a year or two years ago, and what is the striking conviction that comes home? That the intensity with which England is fighting this war is due as much as anything else to the example, force and ability of her upper classes, so-called, the classes of means. They deny themselves the most, they take the heav-

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DRAMATIC CLUB TO STAGE

"A VIRGINIA COURTSHIP" SOON

The Dramatic club will present "A Virginia Courtship," in about three weeks.

In the final tryout the parts assigned were: Major Richard Fairfax, of Virginia, Myrtle Calkins; Amour Kendall, Overseer, Mary Pakenhan; Jack Neville, Christine Brotherson; Berkley, a young planter, Mildred Hill; Squire Fenorich, an old lover, Aggie Beck; Neal, master of hounds, Grace West; Sam a negro servant, Marie Flynn; Jumper, a negro servant, Allegra Baxter; Madame Constance, Robertson, Edna Johnson; Prudence, Doris Buren; Marie, her maid, Neva German; Betty Fairfax, her sister, Alma Flower; Laura Fenwick, Marian McGill; Grace Fenwick, Helen Walton.

ELVIS EATON MAKES SURVEY OF COUNTY

Elvis Eaton '17 who is teaching at Oakville, Wash., has just completed a survey of the rural districts of Grays Harbor county for Pres. Black. This survey included the general location of school houses, school districts numbers, railroads and highways passing thru them and the closest station of any size. He has also sent in blue print maps showing the exact location of school houses in the district, and pictures of many of the school buildings. This survey will be used as data for use in the rural department.

Wall Tennis.

Necessity is truly the mother of invention. The wind blows so much in Ellensburg that many students cannot play tennis, during their assigned period, so they have invented a new game of wall tennis. Wall tennis is an indoor game, usually played in the gymnasium. Each player chooses a wall and begin by batting the ball against it and keeping it up in the air as

much as possible. Each one plays for himself alone and the game is completed only by the sound of the next period bell. This game affords excellent practice for "The Game" however and many do not wait for the wind to drive them to it.

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iest burdens, they reduce the most from their accustomed standards; and the poorer classes, the working classes and the union labor groups of England have become convinced that the British classes of wealth and station are absolutely in this war to the end, are willing to risk everything and will stand every deprivation that they ask everybody else to stand, and more. And when this spirit comes over to this country we will all have a much greater intensity in the carrying on of the war than we at present possess.

"I wish every man in this room could go to the battlefield of France, could go to the front, not merely to see what a front looks like, with its trenches, its men and all of the paraphernalia, but to get the reaction of the French common soldier toward the American visitor. These men who have faced death for three and a half years for you and me, fighting a battle in which we have just as much at stake as they have—these men salute an American civilian with an expression of respect, reverence and trust that is absolutely past description by human word.

"Why do these French soldiers who have struggled with death for freedom for three and a half years, salute the American? Because in that salute they express their trust in America in the war; they express the trust in our assuring our share of this struggle from every point of view, not merely by governmental participation in a military program, but also by the reconstruction of our entire lives from the point of view of saving and sacrifice, by supporting them in the same sense that the American boy who fights beside them, supports them, and is supported by them.

"Now, we must be worthy of this trust, and when a French soldier salutes an American civilian and he knows that American is merely one typical of a hundred and five million, he expects us to do our duty as an ally, and he knows we will do it. The people of France know that the American people are being asked to undergo food conservation and they know that the man who asks them to undergo it is the man best qualified in the world to lay out a program—the Hoover of Northern France and Belgium and now the Hoover of the United States."

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